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TO WHITE OAKS.

The efforts that are being made for the building of a railway from El Paso to White Oaks, and which now give some promise of being successful, have had the effect of stirring up the Santa Fe railway people, and the engineers of that company are now at work in the vicinity of White Oaks. The general opinion is that the company is getting ready to extend the Santa Fe line to White Oaks. From Carthage where this branch now stops, to White Oaks is only seventy miles in an air line, and it would probably not take more than eighty miles of road to cover the distance. The great coal fields in that section of Lincoln county, to say nothing of the mineral and timber, will furnish a business so valuable that the Santa Fe company cannot afford to take the chance of allowing it to be captured by some other line, and this makes it highly probable that the present movement on the part of that company means business. From El Paso to White Oaks is more than twice as far as from Carthage, and the building of the Carthage line would completely head off the other, since it would remove the demand for it, and that is evidently one point in the game that the company is playing for. Coal is worth far more than gold to a railroad, the far-seeing men who are at the head of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway have recognized this fact from the beginning, and it has been the settled policy of that corporation, all the way out from Topeka, to contract the coal supply whenever possible—and that only shows good business sense, since a great railway, with its fuel supply in hostile hands, would be in a very bad position. The White Oaks coal fields are supposed to be among the most extensive and valuable in the southwest, and it is only natural that the Santa Fe railway company should be on the alert to prevent them from falling into the hands of any opposition line—and the extension of the Carthage branch to White Oaks is one of the best and cheapest ways of accomplishing that result. The White Oaks people need not be surprised to see the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe coming toward their town in a very short time.—*Albuquerque Citizen.*

This from the *Citizen* is a stunner. What in the name of common sense or even good horse sense, could have acted out our esteemed contemporary, to admit such a misstatement of facts in its columns, to say nothing of the general trend of the article as a detriment to White Oaks, as well as the proposed Denver-El Paso railway, is beyond favorable interpretation. Bro. Hughes, there are no engineers, either Santa Fe or other railway engineers, working anywhere near White Oaks. No scrapers have been unloaded at Carthage yet no was formerly done when there was prospect of another road coming to White Oaks.

The building of a spur of the Santa Fe to White Oaks would not enable them to "capture" the coal fields nor other resources, neither would any other line capture them. The people in this district, with possibly one exception, own their own lands and are not allowing the Santa Fe or any other corporation to "tie up" the coal, timber, gold, marble, iron, or any other great resource of which we have an abundance, but are keeping them in such shape that all railroads that come here can be supplied according to their needs and rates of transportation. The coming of the Santa Fe will not "head off" anybody who wants to come. One railroad would not "remove the demand for it," another railway, when the first road in is the only system in the Territory. The whole Territory needs competition in freight rates. The White Oaks people do not blame the Santa Fe for trying their level best to secure the immense business that this district will afford, but will welcome this and all other roads.

The extortionate rates which a single system exact, however, will be overcome by competition and for this reason the enterprise of White Oaks will obviate the opportunity for that one point in the game that the company is playing for.

Again, El Paso and White Oaks are not the only objective points on the Denver-El Paso short line. The majority of articles written on this subject seem anxious to convey the idea that its importance depends on some one little town of a few thousand population, and for the benefit of our Albuquerque friends and others who have read that

these are only tributary to a great system that will compete for all local business in this Territory, and Colorado as an adjunct.

The through traffic from Old Mexico and South America and the return supplies for these countries from the North and East are what ensure that this Denver-El Paso road will be built and what puts the Santa Fe on the "alert" far more than competition for New Mexican traffic. El Paso fuel supply also agitates the Santa Fe as three railroads are there supplied with coal by the Santa Fe, but they have waked up too late to monopolize coal contracts in this district.

Finally, what interest have you, *Brother Citizen*, from preventing the people of this Territory from obtaining another system of railway and cheaper freight rates all along the line, including your own town? Don't you see, as some of your ablest business men and capitalists in the "Duke" city said to the editor of the *Eagle* recently, that what helps other towns helps you and that your railroad rates would be immensely reduced by another through line? The same parties said: "If Albuquerque does not get a through line crowding your Denver-El Paso line we will build out to that line so as to secure competitive railroad rates." White Oaks would like to have "rail connection with Albuquerque and pleasant mutual business relations, but adverse newspaper articles will not secure these.

LAND DECISIONS.

The delay at Washington in rendering land decisions and especially those appealed directly to the Secretary of the Interior is one of the greatest hardships imaginable against the interests of the settling up of the country and building up of towns.

It is a crime against the settler, and when the settler happens to be a poor man of family who has rightly complied with the law and has been interfered with by contest by some parties who seek to secure the lands or levy blackmail against him and secure a portion by compromise if they cannot "freeze" him and his family off the land, it becomes an infamous outrage that should be punishable by damages, fine and imprisonment.

In this district and in most of the districts the local land officers render correct decisions at once. In the very nature of things, the local land officers can at least determine accurately whether a flagrant fraud is being attempted. This district has had better local decisions than almost any other. Yet, no matter how flagrant and illegal the case of a contestant who has been ruled against, and no matter how just and complete the fulfillment of the law by the legal settler, he must be subjected to delay in cases where parties backed by money, whether from spite or greed, choose to appeal. At this point is the greatest injury to the bona fide settler. The case goes to Washington and is never reached in less than a year, and sometimes longer, especially if it goes up to the Secretary of the Interior or further appeal from the Land Commissioner.

If there is money enough in the treasury there ought to be sufficient force employed at once to clear the land office of business up to date and keep the land business in that shape at all times. Any one who has complied with the law ought to be able to secure his patent within thirty to sixty days after the papers have the local land office, and it is to the shame of the administration that public business requires years to complete, that, by the safest business men could be transacted in a week or ten days exclusive of mail transit.

FAREWELL, LA CHIEPE.

From the health department of that excellent journal *The Home Magazine*, of Mrs. Genl. J. A. Logan, the *Eagle* joins the "Sanitarium" and reproduces what is reported to be the best remedy ever offered for that dread disease, the "grip."

"Every day fresh victims are seized upon by this insidious disease, but it need have no terrors for any who will try this simple remedy.

"Take an ointment by stirring 180 grains of quinine into one pound of heated vasoline and set away in a glass or earthenware jar. Then, when the first symptoms of the grip, or indeed any heavy cold, make their appearance, give the patient a hot bath and rub him thoroughly with the ointment. Alcohol may be substituted for the vasoline but the oil does the work more thoroughly."

The bath, it would be a good sanitary regulation for some, and external application of the alcohol a benefit to some hard cases instead of their present habit.

Agent's man in Union County, Mo., who is too modest a man to have his name mentioned in the newspaper, was cured of rheumatism by Chamberlain's Pain Balm, after trying other medicines and treatments for thirteen years. 50 cent bottles for sale by M. G. Padon.

Not so Easy as It Looks.
He was looking at a type
Filing letters in his stick,
And each one seemed to fall in line
So gracefully and slick.
"That's easy work," he muttered,
"I can do it myself."
If only had a half a chance
And could the bees tell.
The type back him try his hand:
Overjoyed the stick he took—
He set one line—it's standing yet—
In haste the rest of 1000.
—Montreal Gazette.

DETRIMENTAL REPORTS.

The *Eagle* invites the attention of the *Globe-Democrat* and other eastern papers that published the canard about a paymaster's escort being attacked by highwaymen, near Fort Stanton, to the fact that at the trial of the case, the civil officers withdrew the charges against the soldiers, and the military official in charge, Col. Lincoln, on behalf of the soldiers, apologized to the citizens for their part in the row which originated in a saloon—cause, whiskey—the same as the drunken broils that occur in the East.

The War department might avoid being necessary to injury done to the West by allowing facts, only, to be stated concerning reports from this country or it will soon be in order for the western press to present a circular to the people of the East, (who obtain impressions that this is a lawless country), giving the facts, and also expression of their indignation at the continuous sensational, blood and thunder fakes of a set of reporters who have not brains enough to exist except by Munchausen tactics—whose ephemeral existence would immediately terminate if certain newspapers would exercise greater discretion with regard to the class of matter they accept and publish concerning the material interests of the public. There is a growing disposition among western subscribers to eastern papers, to change their patronage to western dailies and other papers which will not publish the sensational "rot" and "tenderloin" falsehoods against our people and country.

MAL-ADMINISTRATION.

That good old Democratic stand-by, the *St. Louis Republic*, in a column article gives the inside "ring" guano intrigue an expose which is no doubt the true solution of the delay of the administration in coming to the defense of American life and liberty in Chili.

It is a notorious fact that the highest officials in the land and their friends become rich by collusion with others in acquiring lands, mines, stocks, cattle and everything that they can lay their hands upon by corrupt manipulations and laws.

BRO. CHAS. LONGTEMARRE, editor of the *Bullion*, presents some good advice to miners in the following extract:

If miners would only follow the following rules, the annual fatalities, resulting from premature or accidental explosions, will be greatly reduced. First, never use a steel or iron tamping bar, but employ a copper or better still a hickory rod. If a charge has not exploded, drill another hole some distance from the first, but never molest the one which did not explode. When the latter has produced its effect, search with care and caution for the unexploded cartridge and cap. It happens sometimes that the cartridge in the first hole explodes by concussion, at other times it does not. It pays to be careful however, and is a guarantee of safety. Whether working a prospect or operating a producing mine, a regular time for firing should become a custom, that knows no alteration, and on hour should be permitted to expire before miners are allowed to return to the workings to remove the waste or mineral, as the case may be.

The prospects of our anticipated war have gone glimmering—Chili has backed down and made amends. Nuff said.

When you want something nice in the way of dry goods, clothing, boots, shoes, or anything in wearing apparel, call on Weed.

Help the town, the post office and the *Eagle* by sending copies of this paper to your friends in the east.

The senior proprietor of this paper has been subject to frequent colds for some years, which were sure to lay him up if not doctored at once. He finds that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is reliable. It opens the secret, soothes the lungs and restores the system to a healthy condition. It freely used as soon as the cold is contracted, and before it has become settled in the system, it greatly lessens the attack and often cures in a single day what would otherwise have been a severe cold.—*Northwestern Hotel Reporter*, Des Moines, Iowa. 50 cent bottles for sale by M. G. Padon.

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NOTICE.

In the DISTRICT COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.
Rhoda Jennison, Complainant,
vs.
John E. Jennison, Jr., Defendant.

The said defendant, John E. Jennison Jr., is hereby notified that a suit in chancery has been commenced against him in the district court for the county of Lincoln, territory of New Mexico, by said complainant, Rhoda Jennison, praying that the bonds of matrimony now existing between them may be dissolved, and that she be divorced from the defendant; that unless you enter your appearance in said suit on or before the first day of the next March term of said court, commencing on the 14th day of March, 1905, a decree pro confesso therein will be rendered against you. J. W. GARNER, Clerk and Register in Chancery.

B. H. Dye, White Oaks, N. M., Solicitor for Complainant.

NOTICE.

Jacob J. Hicks, Complainant,
vs.
Amanda J. Hicks, Defendant.

The said defendant, Amanda J. Hicks, is hereby notified that a suit in chancery has been commenced against her in the district court for the county of Lincoln, territory of New Mexico, by said plaintiff, Jacob J. Hicks, praying that the marriage between them may be dissolved and declared null and void by the decree of the court; that unless you enter your appearance in said suit on or before the first day of the next March term of said court, commencing on the 14th day of March, 1905, a decree pro confesso therein will be rendered against you. J. W. GARNER, Clerk and Register in Chancery.

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NOTICE.

Laura V. Sutliff, Complainant,
vs.
Thomas J. Sutliff, Defendant.

The said defendant, Thomas J. Sutliff, is hereby notified that a suit in chancery has been commenced against him in the district court for the county of Lincoln, territory of New Mexico, by said complainant, Laura V. Sutliff, wherein said complainant prays for an absolute divorce from the bonds of matrimony existing between them and for the custody and education of their minor child and for general relief; that unless you enter your appearance in said suit on or before the first day of the next March term of said court commencing on the 14th day of March, 1905, a decree pro confesso therein will be rendered against you. J. W. GARNER, Clerk.

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Seaborn T. Gray, Ft. Stanton, N. M.
Cyrillus E. Ayres, " "
Edwin Bates, " "
C. Waverly Johnson, " "

Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial error, under the law and the regulations of the Interior Department, who desires to be heard, should do so on or before the time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.

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